

Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville (FAR-B) is a non-governmental organization created to support the activities of the USDA/ARS Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC).



BARC is the centerpiece of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) - the primary research arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. BARC has an outstanding international reputation for cutting-edge research in many areas of food and agriculture.

FAR-B membership includes USDA alumni, BARC employees, individuals or groups from academia, industry, or government, and the general public.

FAR-B GOALS

- Disseminate information regarding unique expertise of BARC scientists and their research accomplishments that benefit society.
- Organize, sponsor and finance major symposia, field days, and scientific seminars.
- Generate funds to upgrade research equipment and facilities.
- Present information and expert testimony to the U.S. Congress and others to enhance funding for BARC.

- Present to local students educational programs that focus on outstanding research conducted at BARC.
- Sponsor *The Innovative Idea Award Program* to provide BARC employees with seed money to initiate work that lacks federal funding.

FAR-B SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- Community education
 - ❖ Invite science teachers from surrounding counties to the ARS National Visitors Center to learn about BARC's research and interact with BARC scientists.
 - ❖ Sponsor Poster Day contests and awards for high school student interns.
 - ❖ Assist schools by tutoring students and by judging science fairs.
- Provide financial support to research and extracurricular activities at BARC including: workshops, conferences, laboratory reviews, special lectures, field days, and facility dedications. Members share fiscal expertise by handling funds for hosting these events.
- Cosponsor tours of BARC for local students, interested organizations, international visitors, and visiting dignitaries in cooperation with the ARS National Visitor Center, located at the Log Lodge on Powder Mill Road.
- Help the Visitor Center to develop and sponsor information and exhibits to educate and inform thousands of visitors yearly about ARS's mission and successes.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Annual membership dues and contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) are the core source of funding for FAR-B's many activities. The CFC number for contributing to FAR-B is **7991**.

Contributions to FAR-B are tax deductible. Volunteers carry out FAR-B's activities, thus, overhead is minimal. All contributions are specifically used to support BARC programs.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- Personal Membership.....\$20
- Patron Membership.....\$100
- Sustaining Membership.....\$500
or above
- Associate Membership.....\$10
(USDA employees)

Make checks payable to: **FAR-B, Inc.**

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The FAR-B Board of Directors meets at noon on the second Tuesday of each month from September through June at the Log Lodge (Building 302) on Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Maryland. Suggestions from members to enhance FAR-B's programs should be submitted to the Board by mail, Email, or phone.



FAR-B is a qualified 501 (C) (3) tax-exempt organization founded in 1985.



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FAR-B is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting –

**Research,
Educational,
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at the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville
Agricultural Research Center
(BARC), Beltsville, Maryland.